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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6040

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

CINCPAC

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, CH, LA

SUBJECT: PRC AID TO LAOS

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REF: VIENTIANE 0267 (021000Z FEB 76) (NOTAL)

1. OFFICIAL DAILY BULLETIN OF LAO MINISTRY OF INFORMATION CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT FEBRUARY 4 THAT MA KHAYKHAMPHITHOUN, HEAD OF NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPC), PRESIDED OVER A CEREMONY FOR TH TURN-OVER OF SUBSTANTIAL CHINESE AID AT THE MINISTRY OF THE PLAN ON FEBRUARY 3. PRC WAS REPRESENTED BY ITS AMBASSADOR TO LAOS, KUO YING.

2. IN SPEECH ON OCCASION, AMBASSADOR YING IS QUOTED

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AS DECLARING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE LAOS

" 150 BUSES, 8,000 BICYCLES, 10,000 TONS OF RICE,  
10,000 TONS OF MOTOR FUEL, AND 300 TONS OF CEMENT IN  
ADDITION TO SEWING MACHINES, CLOTH, MEDICINE AND  
FOODSTUFFS."

3. IN HIS SPEECH OF THANKS, NPC CHAIRMAN MA ALSO  
MENTIONED PRC AID IN CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS BETWEEN  
YUNNAN AND PAK BENG AND BETWEEN NAM BAK AND LUANG  
PRABANG, WHICH WILL LINK UP WITH NATIONAL ROUTE 13 FROM  
LUANG PRABANG TO VIENTIANE AND THE SOUTH.

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT  
WHAT WAS REALLY "TURNED OVER" ON FEBRUARY 3, SINCE MUCH  
OF THIS PRC AID HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AND  
APPEARS TO BE ARRIVING PIECEMEAL. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE  
WHOLE EVENT WAS ORGANIZED TO GIVE THE CHINESE CREDIT  
FOR THEIR SUBSTANTIAL AID TO LAOS, AFTER SIMILAR CEREMONY  
JANUARY 30 AT WHICH SOVIET AMBASSADOR SPOKE AND THEN  
RECEIVED THANKS OF PDRL (REFTEL). LAO ARE PERHAPS  
TRYING TO REASSURE PRC, WHICH AFTER ALL IS A SUBSTANTIAL  
AID DONOR. HOWEVER, THE CHINESE DID NOT GET "EQUAL  
TIME," SOVIET TURN-OVER CEREMONY GOT MORE EXTENSIVE  
PRESS PLAY, AND MINISTRY OF INFORMATION BULLETIN ON  
FOLLOWING DAY CARRIED FULL TEXT OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S  
SPEECH, WHEREAS IT MERELY SUMMARIZED PRC AMBASSADOR'S  
SPEECH IN TWO SENTENCES.

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